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Mortality statistics of 1,080 cities and towns in the United States for the twelve months ended December 31, 1896.

The following table shows the total mortality of each city or town, the mortality rate based upon the population according to the United States census of 1890, the mortality rate based upon the estimated population, 1896, and the total mortality from certain infectious diseases.

This table has been compiled and prepared in the Marine-Hospital Bureau from replies received in response to the following circular letter, which was addressed to every city and town in the United States having a population according to the United States census of 1890 of 1,000 or more.

The total number of letters thus addressed was 3,715; 1,332 replies were received, of which number only 1,080 could be utilized in the preparation of the table.

July 16, 1897

[Circular letter.]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,
Washington, D. C., March 6, 1897.

To the secretary of the local board of health or local health officer :

SIR: I have to request that you will furnish this office, at your earliest convenience, with the following information relative to the mortality and (as far as possible) the mor-
bidity statistics of ——— during the year 1896 :

Estimated population : ———.
Total number of deaths from all causes (still births excluded) : ———.
Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated population : ———.

Disease.	Cases.	Deaths.	Disease.	Cases.	Deaths.
Phthisis pulmonalis.....	Measles.....	.....	.....
Smallpox.....	Scarlet fever.....	.....	.....
Varioloid.....	Diphtheria.....	.....	.....
Typhus fever.....	Membranous croup.....	.....	.....
Typhoid fever.....	Whooping cough.....	.....	.....

A penalty envelope, addressed to this office, is inclosed for the return of this circular letter, and you are further requested to return the letter in case it is found impossible to make the desired entries in the above table, with a statement to that effect.

Respectfully, yours,

WALTER WYMAN,
Supervising Surgeon-General U. S. M. H. S.

Name of city or town ———.
Reported by ———.